



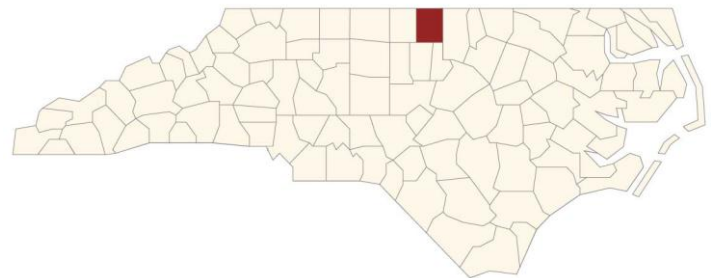
On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Person County

Person County received more than \$46 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Person County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
1,393



Small Business Jobs:
12

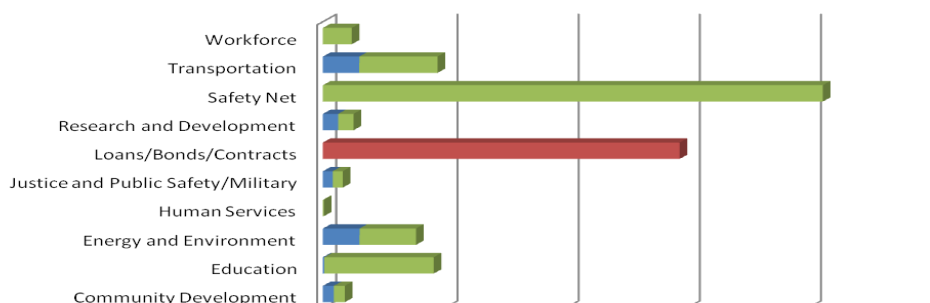


Appliances rebated:
100



Family homes financed:
28

Person County Totals



Person County,
pop 39,464 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:
Grants: \$ 31,966,247.27
Loans: \$ 4,273,497
Bonds: \$ 10,450,000

Total: \$46,689,744.27



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Person County schools received \$7.5 million in education funding, including \$1 million in Special Education funds, \$600,000 in Title I funds, \$3 million in SFSF funds, and \$500,000 in Race to the Top funding.

Pell Grants are an educational Assistance Program that provides grants to eligible students to receive post-secondary or vocational training. Because Pell Grants are not student loans, they allow students to receive financial assistance to further education and training without incurring additional debt. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act increased the eligibility and the maximum amount of Pell Grants in 2009 and 2010 as a way to encourage educational opportunities, and to provide a way for eligible applicants to gain new job skills.

In Person County, Piedmont Community College had 1,393 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$2 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Person County, 28 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$3.5 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term

savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Person County retailers sold 100 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Person County, 3 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth \$800,000. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 12 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Person County, \$303,869 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Person County, car dealers sold 4 cars worth \$68,000 through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Person County, the Person County Government and the City of Roxboro received \$90,000 in JAG program grant funding.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

In Person County, the City of Roxboro had 2 officers were funded through COPS Grants. These grants were worth \$300,000. Additionally, the Governor's Crime Commission gave the City of Roxboro \$8,000 to outfit and equip these new officers.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Person County, the City of Roxboro received a water and sewer grant worth \$350,000. Person County also received a superfund award \$1.5 million to provide a new waterline in Roxboro that will serve over 40 houses and provide clean drinking water to more than 60 people.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy

conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Person County, the Person County Government received an EECBG award of \$117,546 for lighting and other energy improvements to the county office building, library and courthouse. Piedmont Community College received more than \$300,000 for lighting improvements on the Person and Caswell campuses, and to install room occupancy sensors, lighting timers, heating and cooling improvements and weatherization.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Person County residents received \$15.5 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$3 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$2 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

Person County received more than \$56,000 for Head Start Programs.

Person County Feature Story

Person County Cleans up Ground Water with Recovery Act Dollars

The mission of the Recovery Act is to jumpstart our economy, create or save jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. To further these goals the Environmental Protection Agency used \$600 million in funding to help clean up Superfund sites across the nation.

The overall objectives for the Recovery Act funding for Superfund are to assist in cleanup at National Priority List sites, maximize job creation and retention, and provide environmental and economic benefits. These objectives were achieved by starting new cleanup projects, accelerating cleanups at projects already underway, increasing the number of workers and activities at cleanup projects, and returning affected sites to more productive use. Cleanup activities at Superfund sites receiving Recovery Act funds yield significant site-specific, non-environmental economic benefits, including improved site property values and job opportunities.



Superfund sites are often located in the areas hardest hit by unemployment and downturns in the economy. Job sectors that will likely benefit from the Superfund Recovery Act funding include, but are not limited to: cleanup operation and management companies, laboratory sampling and analysis companies, hazardous waste disposal and management companies, construction and monitoring equipment rental companies, water/soil treatment companies, and environmental engineering and management companies. Other goals of the Superfund remedial program were to protect and promote both “green” jobs and a healthier environment by furthering cleanup activities at hazardous waste sites across the country.

GMH Electronics operated from 1972 to 2004 in Person County producing electronics components. The GMH Electronics site, formerly known as the Halifax Road/ Virgilina Road DCE site, is located approximately 0.75 miles northeast of Roxboro. During its parts washing operations, GMH Electronics used chlorinated solvents that were discharged into an on-site septic system without proper treatment. Waste solvents from GMH Electronics’ operations discharged into the groundwater and co-mingled with petroleum hydrocarbons from two previously removed underground storage tanks located on the site property and across the intersection.

In December 2007, EPA began immediate distribution of bottled water to 17 residential homes in the site area and installed filter systems on five homes due to excessively high levels of chlorinated solvents in drinking water. The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources Underground Storage Tank Division installed filter systems on two additional homes due to high levels of petroleum contamination in drinking water.

In late 2008, the EPA conducted an investigation that found 45 out of 89 private drinking water wells in the vicinity of the site contained chlorinated volatile organic compounds and/or petroleum hydrocarbon-related contamination. In response, EPA provided bottled water to approximately 13 homes that had contamination at levels above national standards. The Person site was placed on the National Priority List. On February 6, 2009, a Proposed Plan was published to connect all residents and businesses whose private drinking water wells are contaminated by the site and those residents who live in a buffer to the City of Roxboro municipal water supply. On September 28, 2009, with the advent of the ARRA funds, a Cooperative Agreement was awarded to Person County in the amount of approximately \$1,500,000. On December 1, 2010 the EPA announced the completion of the waterline construction project. The project serves over 40 houses and provides clean drinking water to more than 60 people.

Appendix, Person County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$5,950,000.00	
		Person County	P			\$4,500,000.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$17,000.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Piedmont Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$3,520,497.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Person, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$37,107.45	\$0.00	
	ARRA - Head Start	Person County Public Schools	P	\$56,493.00		\$0.00	\$56,493.00
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$3,003,382.49		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Person, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$117,546.00	\$0.00	
		Piedmont Community College	S	\$0.00	\$130,776.00	\$0.00	
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Person County Council On Aging	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Person County Council On Aging	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Roxboro Housing Authority	P	\$451,645.00		\$0.00	\$451,645.00
Department of Justice	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Roxboro, City Of	P	\$314,790.00		\$0.00	\$314,790.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial	Person, County Of	P	\$46,438.00		\$0.00	\$46,438.00

	Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government						
		Roxboro, City Of	P	\$45,310.00		\$0.00	\$45,310.00
	Recovery Act - Eward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Roxboro, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$15,579,878.68		
Environmental Protection Agency	Capitalization Grants for Clean Water State Revolving Funds	Roxboro, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$346,511.00	\$0.00	
	Superfund State, Political Subdivision, and Indian Tribe Site-Specific Cooperative Agreements	Person, County Of	P	\$1,512,000.00		\$0.00	\$1,512,000.00
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	Adams Construction Company	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$1,404,960.96
		Arcadis G&M of NC	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$24,877.14
		HDR Engineering, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$17,289.49
		North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$1,501,401.00		\$0.00	\$1,501,401.00
Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Person Area Transportation System	S	\$0.00	\$279,035.00	\$0.00	
Health Resources and Services Administration	ARRA - Grants to Health Center Programs	Person Family Medical Center	P	\$459,020.00		\$0.00	\$459,020.00
				\$172,590.00		\$0.00	\$172,590.00
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P			\$0.00	\$17,082.05
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Piedmont Community College	S	\$0.00	\$187,794.00	\$0.00	
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Bethel Hill Charter School	S	\$0.00	\$179,706.00	\$0.00	
		Person County Public Schools	S	\$0.00	\$2,495,781.00	\$0.00	

		Piedmont Community College	S	\$0.00	\$599,273.29	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Person County Public Schools	S	\$0.00	\$487,006.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Bethel Hill Charter School	S	\$0.00	\$20,776.00	\$0.00
		Person County Public Schools	S	\$0.00	\$635,562.00	\$0.00
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants, Recovery Act	Person County Public Schools	S	\$0.00	\$44,234.00	\$0.00
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Bethel Hill Charter School	S	\$0.00	\$79,936.92	\$0.00
		Person County Public Schools	S	\$0.00	\$1,111,254.44	\$0.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	Positive Prints Professional S	L			\$738,000.00
		Shepherd Electric Company, Inc	L			\$7,500.00
		Sumukhdev, Inc.	L			\$7,500.00
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$2,046,000.00	
Grand Total				\$4,559,687.00	\$27,406,560.27	\$14,723,497.00
						\$6,023,896.64

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.